Sri G. N. PUTTANNA.—I rise to a point of order. It is definitely known that the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District, has sent a report to Government about two months ago that one-fourth of the wages for 3 months may be paid but they are not disclosing the truth. I want to know whether it is correct.

Mr. SPEAKER.—There is no point of order. It is only the Hon'ble Member trying to give information to the Government.

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**Stocking and Selling of Crackers in Bangalore.**

*Q.*—3491. Sri B. R. SUNTHANKAR (Belgaum City).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether they are aware that dangerous varieties of crackers are being brought to Bangalore in lorries and buses from Shivakasi and other places in South India ;

(*b*) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken ;

(*c*) whether they are aware that the Central Government have imposed ban on the movement of crackers and fire works by Railway ;

(*d*) whether they are aware that large quantities of crackers and fire works are being stocked in the congested areas of Bangalore like Mamulpet, Old Tharagupet, Avenue Road, etc.;

(*e*) the action taken or proposed to be taken to prevent such stocking of explosive materials ?

*A.*—Sri C. M. POONACHA (Minister for Home Affairs and Industries).—

(*a*) No.

(*b*) In view of the answer to clause (*a*) this does not arise.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) This does not arise.

Sri B. R. SUNTHANKAR.—Sir, this question was sent as a short notice question prior to Dasara Festivities. Now the answer is coming up. It has lost all its importance.

Mr. SPEAKER.—That has not been admitted as a Short Notice Question.

Sri B. R. SUNTHANKAR.—May I know whether the Government have detected any cases of movement of crackers either by lorries or by railway ?

*Sri C. M. POONACHA.—No such instances have come to the notice of the Government. The information is that these crackers are transhipped by rail.

Sri B. R. SUNTHANKAR.—May I know, Sir, whether the Government proposes to take any steps to prevent the stocking of crackers in congested areas in cities like Bangalore ?

Sri C. M. POONACHA.—Action is being taken under Rule 106 of the Explosive Rules regarding possession, transport and use of explosives and it is strictly enforced and the Government is taking all the precautions under the Explosives Act.

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**Breach of Sangenahalli and Thuppadahalli tanks in Jagalur Taluk.**

*Q.*—3795. Sri G. N. PUTTANNA (Tumkur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the years in which Sangenahalli and Thuppadahalli Tanks in Jagalur Taluk breached together with the reasons therefor ;

(*b*) the loss incurred on account of the breach of each of these tanks ;

(*c*) the original estimate and the estimate prepared after the breach in respect of both the tanks ;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that an Enquiry Committee was set up under Sri L. Siddappa in respect of this matter ;

(*e*) whether the report of the Committee is circulated ;

(*f*) what action has been taken ?

*A.*—Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH (Minister for Public Works).—

(*a*) Both the tanks breached during October 1953 as a result of heavy floods.